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Docket No. 200-1065 (FGT 1922 PA)

REMARKS

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for considering the present application. In the Office Action dated May 10, 2005, claims 312-438 are pending in the application. In view of the Affidavit submitted herewith, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner for a reconsideration of the rejections.

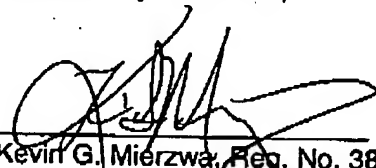
Claims 312, 345, 377, and 405 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by *Gilbert* (6,170,594). The *Gilbert* reference has a filing date of June 1, 1999. Applicants respectfully submit that the present invention was clearly invented prior to June 1, 1999, and was filed in December of 1999. The present application claims priority back to U.S. Patent 6,263,261.

Claims 313-344, 346-376, 378-404, and 406-438 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Gilbert* in view of *Woywod* (6,438,464).

The *Woywod* reference was submitted after the *Gilbert* reference and therefore the affidavit above predates the *Woywod* reference as well. Applicants therefore respectfully submit that each of the claims are now allowable.

In light of the above remarks, Applicants submit that all objections are now overcome. Applicants respectfully submit that the application is now in condition for allowance and expeditious notice thereof is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner have any further questions or comments please contact the undersigned. Please charge any fees required in the filing of this amendment to deposit account 06-1510.

Respectfully submitted,


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